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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL: BOTSWANA COMPLAINT

1. BEFORE UNSC VOTE ON RESOLUTION ON BOTSWANA COMPLAINT
AGAINST RHODESIA (SEPTTEL), AMB SHERER GAVE EXPLANATION
OF VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: BEGIN TEXT.

MR. PRESIDENT, THE VIEWS OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE
SUBSTANCE OF THE MATTER BEFORE US WERE SET FORTH YESTERDAY
BY GOVERNOR SCRANTON. OUR ABHORRENCE OF THE ILLEGAL USE OF
FORCE AND OUR COMMITMENT TO MAJORITY RULE ARE FUNDAMENTAL
UNITED STATES POSITIONS. WE WOULD ONLY WISH TO ADD THAT
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WE RECOGNIZE THE EFFORTS OF THE CO-SPONSORS IN SEEKING TO
MEET THE VIEWS OF A WIDE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

MY GOVERNMENT HAS PLAYED A PARTICULAR ROLE IN SEEKING TO
BRING ALL SIDES TOGETHER IN THE SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION
OF THE UNDERLYING PROBLEM. WE BELIEVE OUR ABILITY TO CON-
TINUE TO CONTRIBUTE IN THIS WAY IS BEST SERVED BY JOINING

THE UNITED KINGDOM WHICH HAS A VERY SPECIAL ROLE IN THE
CURRENT EFFORT TO FIND A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE
RHODESIAN PROBLEM. FOR THESE REASONS WE WILL ABSTAIN.

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

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2. TEXT OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY VOTE OF 13-0-2(US, UK)
FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: BEGIN TEXT.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

TAKING NOTE OF THE LETTERS DATED 22 DECEMBER 1976 (S/12262)
AND 12 JANUARY 1977 (S/12275) FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF BOTSWANA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, AND HAVING HEARD THE
STATEMENT OF THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF BOTSWANA,
CONCERNING HOSTILE ACTS AGAINST BOTSWANA BY THE ILLEGAL
MINORITY REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA,

GRAVELY CONCERNED AT THE DANGEROUS SITUATION CREATED BY
THE PROVOCATIVE AND HOSTILE ACTS COMMITTED BY THE ILLEGAL
REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA AGAINST THE SECURITY AND
WELL-BEING OF BOTSWANA,

REAFFIRMING THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN
RHODESIA TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE IN ACCORDANCE
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WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1514 (XV) OF 14 DECEMBER 1960
AND THE LEGITIMACY OF THEIR STRUGGLE TO SECURE THE ENJOYMENT
OF SUCH RIGHTS AS SET FORTH IN THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED
NATIONS,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS 232 (1966) OF 16 DECEMBER 1966
AND 253 (1968) OF 29 MAY 1968 WHICH DETERMINED AND REAFFIRMED
RESPECTIVELY THAT THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA
CONSTITUTED A THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY,

TAKING NOTE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/154 OF 20
DECEMBER 1976,

CONVINCED THAT THE RECENT PROVOCATIVE AND HOSTILE ACTS
PERPETRATED BY THE ILLEGAL REGIME AGAINST BOTSWANA
AGGRAVATE THE SITUATION,

DEEPLY GRIEVED AND CONCERNED AT THE LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE
AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY CAUSED BY THE ACTS OF THE ILLEGAL

REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA AGAINST BOTSWANA,

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION BOTSWAN'S DECISION TO CONTINUE
TO GIVE ASYLUM TO POLITICAL REFUGEES FLEEING FROM INHUMAN
OPPRESSION BY THE ILLEGAL RACIST MINORITY REGIME,

REALIZING THE NEED FOR BOTSWANA TO STRENGTHEN ITS SECURITY
IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD ITS SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE,

REAFFIRMING THE LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
OVER SOUTHERN RHODESIA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT
UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS,

1. STRONGLY CONDEMNS ALL ACTS OF PROVOCATION AND HARASSMENT,
INCLUDING MILITARY THREATS AND ATTACKS, MURDER, ARSON,
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KIDNAPPING AND DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY, COMMITTED
AGAINST BOTSWANA BY THE ILLEGAL REGIME IN SOUTHERN
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2. CONDEMNS ALL MEASURES OF POLITICAL REPRESSION BY THE ILLEGAL REGIME THAT VIOLATE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA AND CONTRIBUTE TO INSTABILITY AND LACK OF PEACE IN THE REGION AS A WHOLE;

3. DEPLORES ALL ACTS OF COLLABORATION AND COLLUSION WHICH SUSTAIN THE ILLEGAL REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA AND ENCOURAGE DEFIANCE WITH IMPUNITY OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WITH ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES FOR PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE REGION;

4. DEMANDS THE IMMEDIATE AND TOTAL CESSATION FORTHWITH OF ALL HOSTILE ACTS COMMITTED AGAINST BOTSWANA BY THE ILLEGAL REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA;

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5. TAKES COGNIZANCE OF THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC HARDSHIP CONFRONTING BOTSWANA AS A RESULT OF THE IMPERATIVE NEED TO DIVERT FUNDS FROM ONGOING AND PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS TO HITHERTO UNPLANNED AND UNBUDGETED FOR SECURITY NEEDS NECESSITATED BY THE URGENT NEED TO EFFECTIVELY DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST ATTACKS AND THREATS BY THE ILLEGAL REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA;

6. ACCEPTS THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA TO DISPATCH A MISSION TO ASSESS THE NEEDS OF BOTSWANA IN CARRYING OUT ITS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS UNDER THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, AND ACCORDINGLY REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN COLLABORATION WITH APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, TO ORGANIZE WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT FINANCIAL AND OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE TO BOTSWANA AND TO REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL NOT LATER THAN 31 MARCH 1977;

7. REQUESTS THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMMES CONCERNED, INCLUDING THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION, THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION AND THE FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT TO ASSIST BOTSWANA TO CARRY OUT THE ONGOING AND PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WITHOUT INTERRUPTION AS STATED IN PARAGRAPH 5 AND ENVISAGED UNDER PARAGRAPH 6

OF THIS RESOLUTION;

8. APPEALS TO ALL STATES TO RESPOND POSITIVELY IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO BOTSWANA, IN THE LIGHT OF THE REPORT OF THE MISSION OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN ORDER TO ENABLE BOTSWANA TO CARRY OUT ITS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS;

9. DECIDES TO REMAIN SEIZED OF THE MATTER.

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